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### **MOJA Arts Festival Announces Juried Art Exhibition Winners**

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — The 2009 MOJA Juried Art Exhibition honors works in all media by South Carolina and Regional Artists. Artists selected to participate in this year's exhibition are Edward Jobst Andrews, Denise Athanas, Bill Blizzard, Audrey Layne Combs, Johnnie H. Cowan, Lucy Elliott, Lynda English, Latasha R. Hollins, Lori Starnes Isom, Pat Keown, Kim Lucia, Dorothy Montgomery, Hampton R. Olfus, Jr., Lucretia Pope, Edward Shmunes, Charles Staats, James E. St. Clair, Nancy Van Buren, and Jaclyn Wukela.

Awards were given to the following individuals at the Exhibition's Opening Reception Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture:

**Honorable Mention:** *Double Minded* by Latasha Hollins of North Charleston, S.C.

**Honorable Mention:** *Scottie's Winter Hat* by Dorothy Montgomery of Charleston, S.C.

**Honorable Mention:** *Bustin Out* by Bill Blizzard of John's Island, S.C.

**Third Place (\$500 award):** *That's What I Said* by Hampton Olfus, Jr. of Charleston, S.C.

**Second Place (\$750 award):** *Shadai V* by Jackie Wukela of Florence, S.C.

**First Place & Mayor's Purchase Award (\$1,250 award):** *Jazz* by Denise Athanas of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

In its 26<sup>th</sup> season, the MOJA African-American and Caribbean Arts Festival runs Sept. 24 through Oct. 4, 2009.

The MOJA Arts Festival is a multi-disciplinary festival produced and directed by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the MOJA Planning Committee, a community arts and cultural group and the MOJA Advisory Board, a group of civic leaders who assist with fundraising and advocacy. MOJA, a Swahili word meaning "One," is the appropriate name for this festival celebration of harmony amongst all people in our community. The Festival highlights the many African-American and Caribbean contributions to western and world cultures. MOJA's wide range of events include visual arts, classical music, dance, gospel, jazz, poetry, R&B music, storytelling, theatre, children's activities, traditional crafts, ethnic food, and much, much more. In addition to its myriad arts presentations, MOJA also includes an active and busy educational outreach component of workshops in the public schools and senior outreach in senior citizen homes.

Nearly half of MOJA's events are admission-free and the remainder are offered at very modest ticket prices, ranging from \$5 to \$35. **Tickets** may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000, or online at [www.TicketMaster.com](http://www.TicketMaster.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the MOJA box office, located in the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium at 77 Calhoun St. with no service charges. For a ticket brochure and information on MOJA, call the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs at (843) 724-7305 or visit [www.MOJAFestival.com](http://www.MOJAFestival.com).

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